

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 33 are pending. In the present amendment, Claims 5-32 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

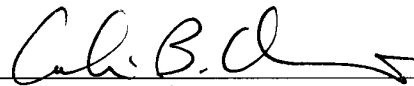
In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1, 3, 4, and 33 were allowed. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowed subject matter.

Withdrawn Claims 5-32 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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